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Former Plymouth resident pleads guilty to embezzlement

A 63-year-old man from Grapeview, Wash., formerly of Plymouth, pleaded last week in federal court to one count of theft and embezzlement by a bank employee.

Dell Martin LeClair entered his plea June 27 before United States District Court Judge Paul Magnuson in St. Paul.

According to his plea agreement, LeClair was an assistant manager of sales at the Excelsior Branch of TCF Bank. LeClair admitted in court that he used that position to embezzle \$148,881.18 from a dormant TCF account and then transferred the money to his personal account at a different bank. He then moved to Washington and used a portion of the money to purchase a residence. LeClair agreed to forfeit to the U.S. that residence and other assets he acquired with the stolen bank funds.

LeClair faces a potential maximum penalty of 30 years in prison. Judge Magnuson will determine LeClair's sentence at a future date. This case is the result of an investigation by the South Lake Minnetonka Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. MacLaughlin.